

ORIGINAL DAVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

DAVE 2 builds on the protocols, methods and lessons learned from the original Data Assessment and Verification (DAVE). CMS awarded a Program Safeguard Contract (PSC) task order to Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) on September 28, 2001 to establish a centralized surveillance process to support multiple CMS programs to assure accurate data. The original DAVE project was designed to support CMS' program integrity and payment policy initiatives, quality improvement efforts, and monitoring of the health and safety of care provided to patients. The primary objective was to assess and make recommendations to improve the accuracy of MDS data long-term care facilities submit. This task order, referred to as the (DAVE) project, was a collaborative effort of the Office of Financial Management, Program Integrity Group; the Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Survey and Certification Group; the Office of Clinical Standards and Quality; the Center for Beneficiary Choices; and the Center for Medicare Management. The DAVE contract ended in April 2005 and was replaced by DAVE 2 in September 2005.

Both DAVE and DAVE 2 use a multi-pronged approach to assess and improve the accuracy of MDS data. The core components of this effort include analyses of the assessment data, on-site clinical review activities, and educational efforts.